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<i>Application Number</i>	09/534,696
<i>Filing Date</i>	March 24, 2000
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<i>Group Art Unit</i>	2634
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<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	061607-1350

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

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